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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION IMMEDIATE SAIGON AND USDAO SAIGON
AUGUST 10 RPTD FOR YOUR ACTION:

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DAO FOR AOSOP-IX/OR/ISF

1. BINH DINH: AT 1655 AUG 8, 8 KM NORTH OF PHU MY A COMPANY OF
THE 42ND REGIMENT ENGAGED AN UNKNOWN-SIZED ENEMY UNIT AND FOUND
26 COMMUNIST DEAD KILLED BY AIR ALONG WITH 1 AK AND 10 M-16 RIFLES.
DURING THE FOLLOWING DAY, COMMUNIST FORCES CONDUCTED A SERIES
OF ATTACKS BY FIRE AND ASSAULTS AGAINST GOVERNMENT POSITIONS
AND FIRE BASES ALONG QL 1 IN PHU MY AND HOAI NHON DISTRICTS.
FROM 0710 TO 1200 ON THE NINETH 4 KM WEST OF HOAI NHON AN UNI-
IDENTIFIED ENEMY FORCE FIRED MIXED ROCKET, MORTAR AND ARTILLERY

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AGAINST THE 35TH RANGER BN. FOLLOWED BY A GROUND ASSAULT.
GVN LOSSES WERE 2 KIA, 12 WIA AND 35 MIA ALONG WITH 62 SMALL

ARMS AND 3 PRC RADIOS. AT 1320 HOURS 7 KM NORTHWEST OF PHU MY THE COMMUNIST LAUNCHED 40 ROUNDS OF 105 MM ARTILLERY FIRE AGAINST A BATTERY OF THE 222ND ARTY BN DAMAGING THREE OF THE 105'S AND DESTROYING 100 ROUNDS OF ORDNANCE.

2. PLEIKU: FROM 1715-2035 ON THE EVENING OF THE 8TH, THE ENEMY FIRED 60 ROUNDS OF MIXED ORDNANCE FOLLOWED BY A GROUND ATTACK AGAINST CAMP PLEI. TAC AIR AND ARTILLERY FIRE WERE CALLED WITH THE RESULT THAT 28 ATTACKERS WERE KILLED WHILE GVN LOSSES WERE ONE WOUNDED. FROM 2330 TO 0050 THE GROUND ATTACK WAS RESUMED. NO INFORMATION IS YET AVAILABLE ON THE RESULTS. ON 9 AUGUST 9 PLEI MI CAMP REMAINED UNDER ATTACK BY COMMUNIST FORCES. FROM 0930 TO 1115 FRIENDLY FORCES REPULSED ATTACKS BY MORTAR, ARTILLERY, ROCKET AND RECOILESS RIFLE FIRE AND A GROUND ASSAULT. AS A RESULT OF COUNTER-BATTERY FIRE AND AIR SUPPORT, ENEMY LOSSES OF 70 KIA (INCLUDING 50 KBA) ARE CLAIMED, ALONG WITH 2 RECOILESS RIFLES.

3. KHANH HOA: AT 0700 ON AUG 8 EIGHTEEN KM WEST OF KHANH DUONG, THE 207TH RECON CO. WHILE ON AMBUSH KILLED 10 COMMUNIST SAPPERS WITH 10 BAGS OF RICE, WHICH WERE SEIZED. SIGNED SPEAR.

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